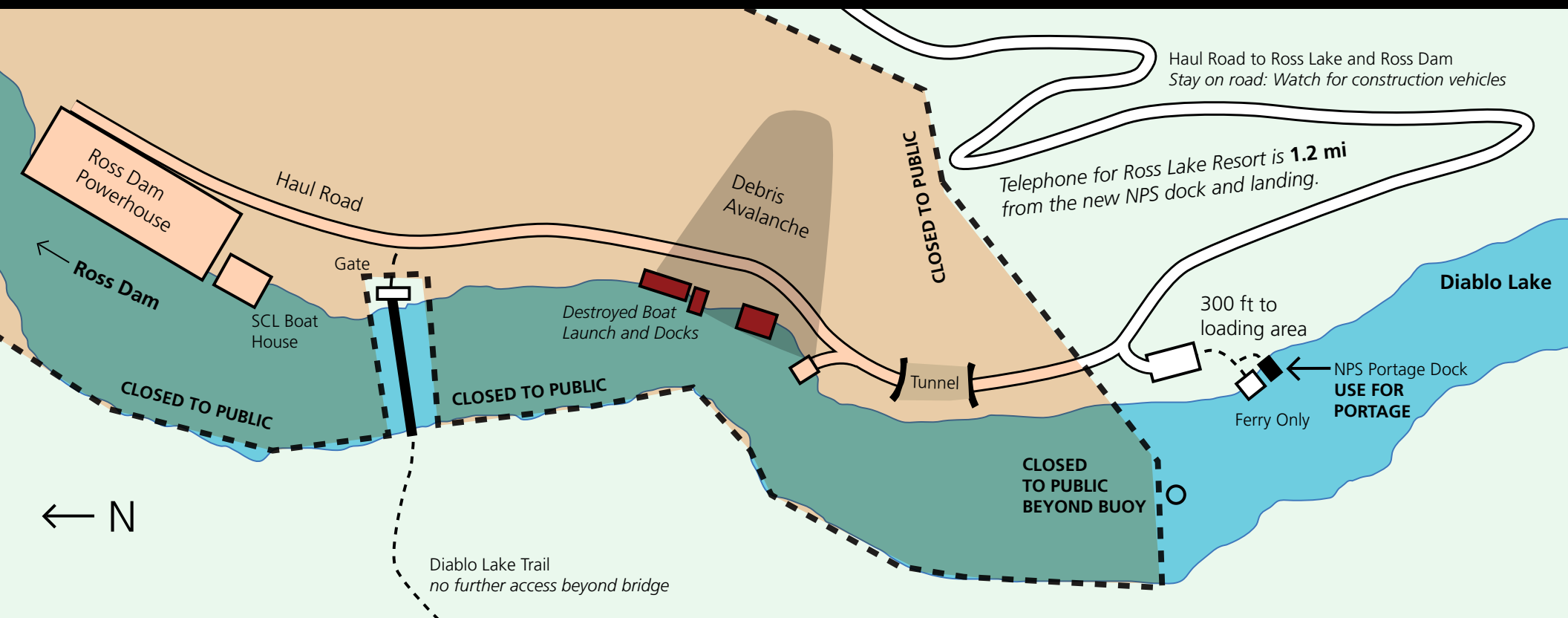


Ross Lake Haul Road Closure

Ross Lake National Recreation Area
North Cascades National Park Complex

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Debris Avalanche Blocks Lower Haul Road

On March 15, a debris avalanche occurred at the head of Diablo Lake, rendering unusable a local access road that connects Diablo Lake with Ross Lake. Due to continued instability and rockfall in the debris slide area, as well as ongoing construction, the road's lower section is closed to boaters and paddlers. Hikers are currently unable to access Ross Lake via the Diablo Lake Trail -- use the Ross Dam Trail instead.

Portage Options between Diablo and Ross Lakes

Please use the new portage dock for all canoe and kayak portage activities (note: do not use the ferry dock). The portage is 1.2 miles over a gravel road, with an elevation gain of 525 feet, elevation loss of 100 feet.

Ross Lake Resort will continue to offer portage service, with some limitations. **There is no access to the lower portage phone on Diablo Lake.** Motor boats cannot be portaged. To call for portage service, you must walk 1.2 miles to call from the upper phone, which is located at the end of the upper haul road on Ross Lake, on a short side trail. During July and August, the Resort will have set portage times. For portage questions or updates, call Ross Lake Resort at 206-386-4437. For all other questions, contact the Wilderness Information Center in Marblemount at 360-854-7245